

Washington

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President Truman's blunt attack on the Marines is inaccurate and unforgivably damaging to the prestige of his office and of the United States. Seldom in history has such ill temper and bad taste been displayed publicly by a chief executive.

Even his letter of apology to General Gates of the Marines isn't satisfactory. Mr. Truman doesn't really backtrack. He doesn't undo the harm. He simply says he made an unfortunate choice of language.

He dubbed the Marines strictly a police force for the Navy and declared they have a propaganda machine almost equal to Stalin's. At a time when the Marines are heavily engaged in fighting Stalin's North Korean minions, it's hard to imagine a more inept remark.

Mr. Truman makes the Marines sound like suppressors of irritating little incidents that unhappily crop up now and then to hamper the Navy's smooth progress forward in war. But what is the truth?

You don't have to join in any choruses of "The Halls of Montezuma" to acknowledge the great role the Marines have played in U.S. military history.

At Chateau Thierry, France, in World War I the Marines fought valiantly and were credited by many with turning the tide of battle toward victory.

In World War II, they stormed the bitterly defended beaches of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima. All were brutal engagements that cost them dearly in men. The historic seizure of the heights of Mt. Surabachi on Iwo, is emblazoned in American battle record.

The men who swarmed ashore on those islands were no police force. They were the tempered, toughened spearhead of the whole American advance across the Pacific.

Mr. Truman hasn't damaged the Marines' cause. How can you hurt men who have done these heroic deeds?

In the unification law and subsequent conferences among top leaders, the Marines' mission in any war was fixed. They are to provide combined ground and air forces for service with the fleet in seizing and defending advanced naval bases, and for conducting such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a naval campaign.

Nothing there about a mere "police force." Indeed, when war actually comes, the Marines inevitably find themselves going well beyond the official limit of their duties. There was no naval campaign near Chateau Thierry. The victories at Iwo and Guam and Guadalcanal were vital to the westward sweep of our regular land and air forces, not just to the Navy. Today, in Korea, the Marines are showing once more that when the fighting gets rough, they're usually in the thick of it.

Never since he took office in 1945 did the President act less like a President than when he wrote that inexcusable letter to a congressman.

With Malice Toward None
A thin, gray-haired little man who sailed away to Denmark the other day could teach us all something.

For 19 years this man, 58-year-old Johanne Krabbe, was mistakenly confined in a Kansas mental hospital. Said all the time, it took him until a few days ago to gain his release.

He has every right to be bitter against the stupidity and blindness that robbed him of his freedom for two decades — in the prime of his life. But he isn't bitter. He has no trade of anger toward those who kept him confined. He's simply so happy and relieved to get out of the asylum that he has no room for malice.

Of course he wasted no time in leaving the country that did him this wrong. He's going back to the Danish farm he left 40 years ago. But who can blame him for wanting to get as far away as possible from that nightmare?

three soldiers were thrown into

Lightning Strikes Home at Fulton, KXAR Tower

Lightning struck the home of Mrs. J. J. Battle at Fulton about 2:30 a. m. today resulting in a fire which caused considerable damage before it could be extinguished by neighbors.

KXAR's radio tower was hit this morning forcing the station off the air about an hour.

Two fires were reported by the local department; one last night on East Shover in front of Yerger School. An oil stove caught fire but little damage resulted. In the 800 block on N. Hazel a house next to Calvin Douglas' place was heavily damaged by fire early today.

HOUSE CLEANING
Montreal, Sept. 16 — (AP) — An anti-Communist house cleaning was underway today within the trades and labor congress of Canada.

Convention delegates to the congress, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, revised the TLC charter to compel union affiliates to get rid of any Communist officers or be read out of the organization. Red delegates also were ordered barred from congress conventions at the discretion of the TLC executive council.

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Yanks Drive 12 Miles

Car Plunges Into Water, One Drowns

Monroe Nannie, about 39, a resident of Ozan, drowned early last night when the automobile in which he was riding plunged into the Ozan Creek and submerged in the water between Blevins and McCaskill on Highway 24.

A companion, Everett Ellis, about 39 also of Ozan and driver of the car, was pulled to safety by Irvin Brooks, driver for Nelson Grocery Co. of Blevins who witnessed the accident. Ellis was not seriously hurt.

Officers said the car just failed to turn a curve and plunged into the creek. There was no other vehicle involved.

Ellis is scheduled to be questioned by officers here today. Investigating the accident were State Officer Mosler and Downing, Commissioner R. V. Herndon, Jr. and Deputy Sheriff Allen Shipp.

Nannie is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nannie of Ozan, three brothers, Thurman and Clifton of Ozan, Truman Nannie of Big Springs, Texas, four sisters, Mrs. Johnny Thornton of Texarkana, Mrs. Russell Rome of Washington and Mrs. Doyle Porter of Nashville and Mrs. Orr of McCaskill.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul, near Ozan, at 3 p. m. Sunday.

B&PW Plans to Observe Nat'l Business Week

Plans were completed for observance of Oct. 15 National Business Women's Week at regular meeting of the Hope B & PW club at the Hotel Barlow Thursday.

Mrs. David A. Griffin, club president, was elected delegate to the Southern District meeting to be held in Camden, October 14-15.

Mrs. Charles Thomas opened a series of studies on international relations by giving a concise history of the state department of the U. S. Miss Clarice Cannon discussed "Why we are in Korea" and administered a quiz on United Nations to club members.

Mrs. Ruth Clark, a guest of the club, held high score with 8 out of 10 correct answers.

Weekly Menu for Public Schools

Hope High School Cafeteria Menu for the week, September 18-22; Monday

Cheese Pudding, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Milk.

Tuesday

Frito Chicken, Timbale, Cardin

Corn Salad, Whole Wheat Bread, Milk.

Wednesday

Corn Fondue, Mixed Greens

Corn Bread, Milk.

Thursday

Mackerel Kets, Mixed Green

Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Enriched

Bread, Milk.

Friday

Macaroni-A La Fritos, Buttered

Green Lima Beans, Enriched Bread

Sliced Peaches, Milk.

Menus for Junior High and Grade Schools

Monday

Lima Beans, Wieners, Tossed

Vegetable Salad, Corn Bread

Chilled Apricots, Milk.

Tuesday

Brown Stew, Sliced Tomatoes

with Cottage Cheese, Biscuit, Ap

ple Sauce, Milk.

Wednesday

Bean Salad on Lettuce, Corn Fritters

Whole Wheat Bread, Milk.

Thursday

Cabbage, Pickled Beets, Corn

Bread, Ginger Bread with Orange

Sauce, Milk.

Friday

Field Peas, Potato Salad, Car

rot Sticks, Cornbread, Prun

Milk.

Washington School Enrollment Past the 300 Mark

The grammar school at Washington has an enrollment of 53, it was announced today and the Negro Lincoln School has 295. Both are expected to increase. Washington High School students go to school in Hope.

Congress Has to Postpone Vacation

Washington, Sept. 16 — (AP) — Staggering under a heavy load of "must" legislation, Congress last night gave up hope of starting an extended vacation this weekend. Instead, both houses recessed until Monday.

Senate-house conference committees scheduled new meetings today on a \$4,500,000,000 tax bill and an emergency appropriation expected to total about \$17,000,000 to strengthen the defenses of this country and its Allies abroad.

Another conference group has tentatively agreed on an anti-Communist bill.

Forces in Third Year of Unification

Washington, Sept. 16 — (AP) — The end of the third year of army-navy-air force unification finds military leaders congratulating one another on an outstanding example of cooperation in Korea.

Their messages are in sharp contrast to the inter-service row that raged publicly less than a year ago over the air force's B-36 inter-continental bomber.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, chief of staff of the army, hailed the landings behind enemy lines in Korea as evidence of "the highest order of cooperation among the services."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur spoke of "clockwork coordination and cooperation between the services."

MacArthur's chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Edward Almond, praised the navy's "perfect coordination of gunfire and movement" and the "traditional dash" of the marines. Why has cooperation in Korea replaced the feuding of last fall?

One reason is the obvious fact that people tend to close ranks when their country is at war.

Another is that members of the armed forces usually get along better at the fighting front than in Washington.

Still another reason may be that, in the mobilization touched off by the Korean conflict, the army, navy, air force and marine corps are all being allowed to expand instead of being forced to slash budgets and limit their size.

Besides those reasons, most military men agree that at least some of the present evidence of cooperation flows from the unification act under which James Forrestal took office as the first secretary of defense on September 17, 1947 — three years ago tomorrow.

One of the major benefits credited to the unified defense setup is the establishment, in advance of any fighting, of a unified command in each of the overseas areas where American forces are stationed.

Long before the Korean Communists began their invasion, Gen. MacArthur's authority over all American units in the Far East had been defined. In peacetime that authority was to include not only all ground and air forces but naval units operating in Japanese waters; in an emergency it was to extend also to naval forces elsewhere in the Far East.

Way Clear for Marshall to Take New Job

Washington, Sept. 16 — (AP) — The way was almost clear today for Gen. George C. Marshall to take over as secretary of defense.

Riding down Republican opposition, Congress voted yesterday to shatter a long-time precedent and let a military man — instead of a civilian — enter the cabinet as boss of a military department.

Only President Truman's certain approval of this action, and equally certain Senate confirmation of Marshall's nomination, remain before Marshall can start his new job.

The House voted 220 to 105, approval of a bill, requested by Mr. Truman, to amend the army's service unification act to permit Marshall — and only he — to become secretary of defense. The 1947 law had specified that only a civilian could hold the post. One hundred Republicans and 150 Democrats voted against the bill.

Before it acted, the house added an amendment expressing the sentiment of Congress that Marshall's appointment must not be followed by the nomination of another military man when he retires.

Accepting this added safeguard without debate, the Senate a couple of hours later voted 47 to 31 to send the bill on to President Truman.

One Democrat, McCarran of Nevada, joined 20 Republicans in voting against passage. Thirty-seven Democrats and 10 Republicans supported it.

The President's signature on the bill will open the way for Marshall's formal nomination to succeed Louis A. Johnson, who resigned early this week. Johnson had been sharply criticized by a number of Congressmen and others for what they called America's lack of military preparedness for war in Korea.

Overwhelming Senate approval of Marshall's nomination is expected, since even many of those who voted against changing the law praised Marshall highly.

For the 63-year-old retired general, the defense post will become the second he has held in President Truman's cabinet, since his retirement as army chief of staff after World War II. The first was secretary of state. Before that he had been sent to China as a special envoy.

Marshall's service in the latter post brought a bitter attack on him yesterday by Senator Jenner of Indiana.

Jenner linked Marshall to the Yalta, Tehran and Potsdam decisions which he said had given Russia half the world without a fight. He also criticized Marshall's mediation proposal four years ago that China's Communists be brought into the Chinese government.

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This comes from S. A. Bramlette, Fort Smith, commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Coal Operators Association. The only evidence of improved demand for coal as the result of the Korean war, he said today, is a slight increase in orders from steel mills.

He said that so far, retailers had not been stockpiling coal and this would indicate, he added, that they were not alarmed about the international situation.

Bramlette described current mining operations in the two states as normal. Heaviest production month run from October through January.

All mines in Arkansas and Oklahoma are open and about 5,000 miners have jobs, the commissioner reported. The miners are drawing an average of \$14 per day for a five-day work week.

Airforce to Close Few Reservists

Washington, Sept. 16 — (AP) — The air force announced yesterday that a limited number of air reserve units are being called to active duty and a few small supporting units of the air national guard will be called up soon.

These are in addition to calls announced earlier.

The new calls will complete the unit recall requirements for the time being, the announcement said.

There are few round-the-world cruises, but those scheduled have suffered no lack of passengers.

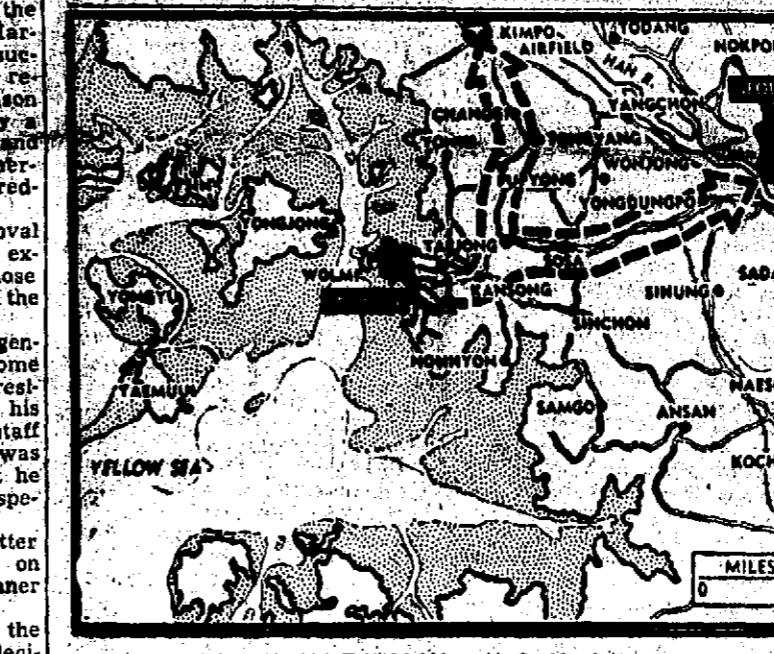
None, of course, includes Japan or nearby troubled waters.

We are advising travel agents to stick to their knitting and sell travel," said a spokesman for the big American Society of Travel Agents.

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PRISONERS CONSTRUCT STOCKADE. — Under the watchful eye of a South Korean soldier, Korean prisoners clear ground for a new enclosure near Pusan, making room for the growing numbers of North Korean troops who are captured and those surrendering to UN forces. (NEA Telephoto)



MARINES INVADE WOLMI. — U. S. Marines storming across treacherous mud flats sown with enemy mines (shaded area on map) in the biggest amphibious assault of the Korean war, captured the island of Wolmi and drove on through the port city



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SILKY HARE

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



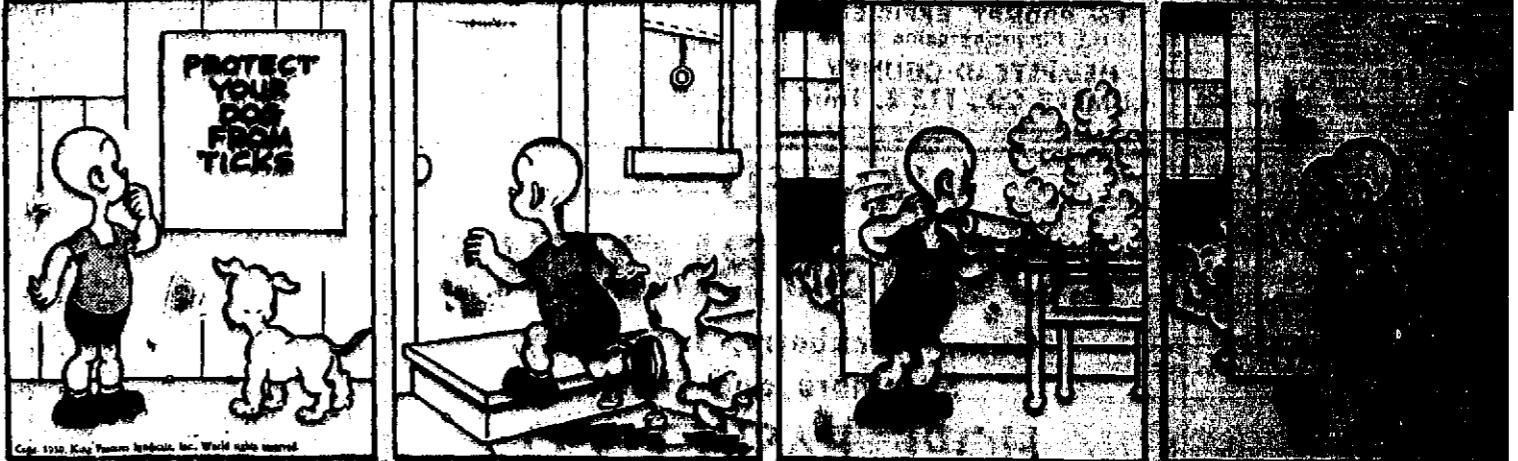
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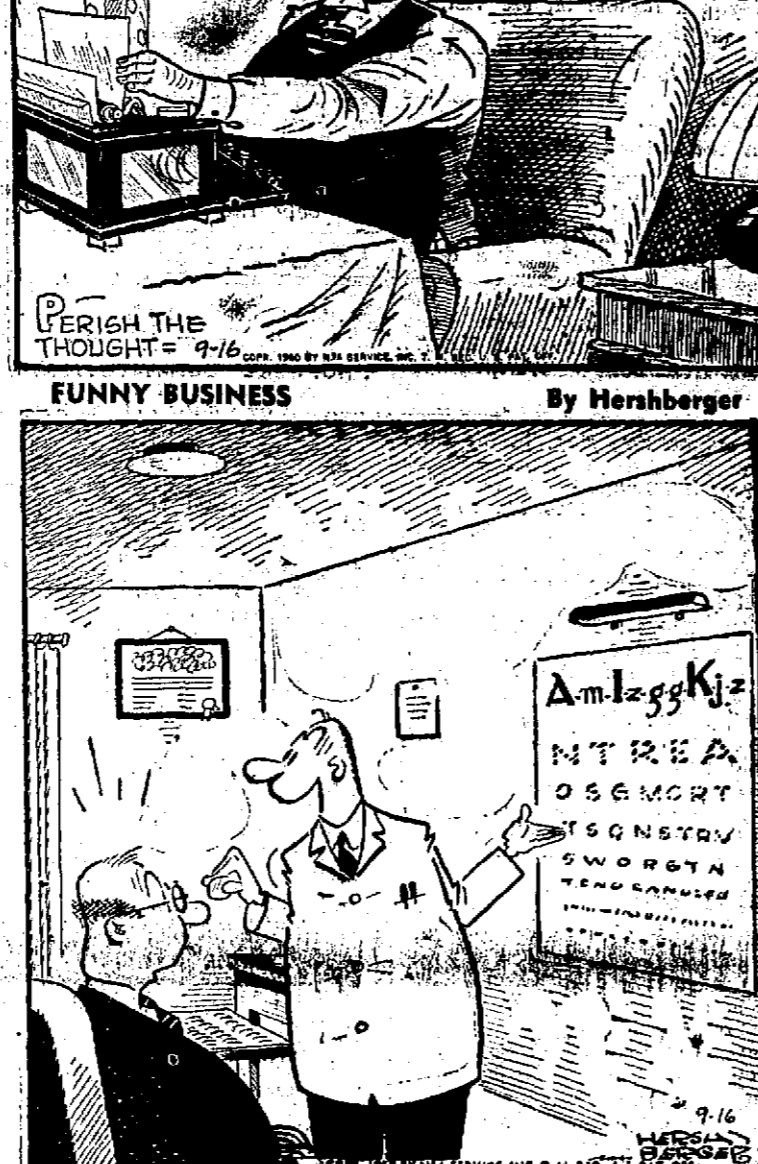
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SO YOUR MONKEY BUSINESS IS WAKING UP SCHOOL KIDS, IS IT? YOU JUST COME ALONG WITH ME AND WE'LL SEE IF IT'S TRUE!

IF YOU CAN WAKE MY SON MICHAEL, I'LL BELIEVE YOU! HE SLEEPS LIKE HE WAS DEAD AND BURIED TWO WEEKS. COME TUESDAY!



